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German DE 3541532 A1 appears to relate to granular material processing equipment; applicant's patent application relates to dryer equipment which processes granular material.

German DE 3923241 A1 is accompanied by an English language translation.

German DE 4323295 C1 is accompanied by an English language translation.

European Patent Office Publication 0507689 B1 in French is accompanied by an English language translation.

European Patent Office Publication 0587085 A2 is accompanied by an English language translation.

French Patent Publication 2,109,840 appears to relate to granular material processing equipment; applicant's patent application relates to dryer equipment which processes granular material.

French Patent Publication 2,235,775 appears to relate to granular material processing equipment; applicant's patent application relates to dryer equipment which processes granular material.

The brochure entitled "Conair Franklin Autocolor Y Mezclador" appears to relate to granular material processing equipment; applicant's patent application relates to dryer equipment which processes granular material.

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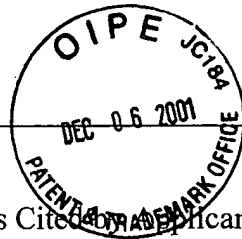
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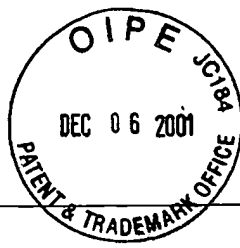
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	AB	3,111,115	11/1963	Best	119	52
	AC	3,115,276	12/1963	Johanningmeier	222	49
	AD	3,209,898	10/1965	Beebe et al.	198	205
	AE	3,348,848	10/1967	Lucking et al.	277	26
	AF	3,470,994	10/1969	Schnell et al.	198	1
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	AH	3,985,262	10/1976	Nauta	220	349
	AI	4,026,442	5/1977	Orton	222	181
	AJ	4,108,334	8/1978	Moller	222	136
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	AK	3541532 ✓		Germany		X
	AL	3923241 ✓		Germany	X	
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	AO	0507689 ✓		EPO (French)	X	
	AP	0587085 ✓		EPO (German)	X	
	AQ	2,109,840 ✓		France		X
	AR	2,235,775 ✓		France		X
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
✓	AS	Thirty-nine page brochure entitled "Maguire Low Pressure Dryer: September 7, 2000: Installation Operation Maintenance",				
✓	AT	Sheet of 2 photographs of Mould-Tek gravimetric blender, circa 1993				
✓	AU	Sheet of 2 photographs of Motan gravimetric blender and feeding system with Maguire Products, Inc. controls, circa 1993				
✓	AV	Sheet of 3 photographs of UNA-DYN gravimetric blender, circa 1993				
✓	AW	Sheet of 2 photographs of Maguire Products, Inc. gravimetric blender with Conair hoppers and feeding system, circa 1993				
✓	AX	Sheet of 1 photograph of Hydracolor gravimetric blender, circa 1993				
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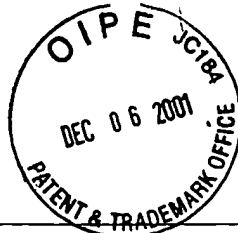
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	BD	4,364,666	12/82	Keyes	366	142
	BE	4,402,436	9/1983	Hellgren	222	561
	BF	4,454,943	6/1984	Moller	198	657
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	BH	4,498,783	2/1985	Rudolph	366	132
	BI	4,525,071	6/1985	Horowitz et al.	366	152
	BJ	4,581,704	4/1986	Mitsukawa	364	479
	BK	4,705,083	11/1987	Rossetti	141	104
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	BS /	Advertisement entitled "Machinery and Systems for Extrusion is Our Only Business" by Process Control Corporation, circa 1993				
	BT /	Advertisement entitled "Weigh Blender Delivers Unmatched Accuracy" by Universal Dynamics, Inc., circa 1993				
	BU /	Advertisement entitled "A Full Line-up of Blender Solutions . . . Priced Right" by HydReclaim, circa 1993				
	BV /	Advertisement entitled "NEW FROM HydReclaim -Now Processors Can Economically Achieve Continuous Gravimetric Blending" by HydReclaim, circa 1993				
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	CO	5,780,779	7/1998	Kitamura et al.	177	105
	CP	5,843,513	12/1998	Wilke et al.	426	646
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	CQ	Article entitled "Control Loading Systems" from Plastics Technology, October 1995, page 41				
	CS	Advertisement "Introducing our 400 VME-II Gravimetric Blender" by HydReclaim Corporation, circa 1993				
	CT	Four page brochure entitled "Gravimix Better Quality through Research", circa 1993				
	CU	Four page brochure entitled "Conomix Plus Volumetric Blender" dated August 1993				
	CV	Four page brochure entitled "Conair Franklin Autocolor Y Mezclador" dated March 1995				
	CW	Two-sided flyer entitled "GB 140 Series Compact Auto Weigh Blender" published by Conair Franklin in the United States, June 1994				
	CX	Six page brochure entitled "Graviblend Precise Continuous Weigh Blenders" published by Ktron Vertech, June 1991, United States				
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/	DB	One page flyer entitled "Gravimix, The New Gravimetric Blending Generation" published by Ferlin, De demsvaard, Holland, circa 1993	
/	DC	Four page brochure entitled "When you Weigh it All Up ..." published by Ferlin Trading, Holland, circa 1993	
/	DD	Thirty-two page catalog entitled "Maguire Color Blending Equipment" published by Maguire Products, Inc., 1993, United States	
/	DE	Two page brochure entitled "Mould-Tek Bulk Handling Systems" published by Mould-Tek Industries, Inc. in Canada, circa 1993	
/	DF	Brochure entitled "Plastic Molders and Extruders" published by Maguire Products, Inc., 1995	
/	DG	Two-sided color brochure entitled "NovaDrier® N Series Dryer" published by Novatec Inc., undated	
/	DH	Two-sided color brochure entitled "Convey, Blend, Dry" published by Novatec, Inc., undated	
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